

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor", days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I am in the music industry, and have first hand experience of how the conglomeration of corporate radio stations has killed the spirit and relevance of radio.

But Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated BY LAW to serve the public interest. Once again, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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